In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-24 (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A method for securing a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the method comprising:

engaging a spacer and a screw with a single recess of a holder in a rotationally fixed position with respect to the holder, wherein the spacer is engaged in a spacer engaging portion of the recess and the screw is engaged in a screw engaging portion of the recess that is continuous with the spacer engaging portion;

inserting the screw in a threaded receiving passage of the implant such that threads on the screw engage threads of the receiving passage;

applying a rotational motion to the holder, thereby rotating the rotationally fixed spacer and screw and screwing the screw into the receiving passage of the implant;

establishing cooperation between a bearing surface of the spacer and a top surface of the implant at a predetermined position of screwing; and

separating the holder from the spacer and the screw.

26. (previously presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the spacer includes a bearing surface that protrudes beyond the holder, and a threaded portion of the screw protrudes beyond the bearing surface.

27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein a threaded portion of the screw extends through a recess in the spacer and a head of the screw cooperates with a tightening and locking surface on the spacer, and wherein the spacer comprises a bearing surface operable to cooperate with a top surface of the implant.

28. (previously presented) The method according to claim 25, further comprising:

separating the holder from the spacer and the screw by applying a separating motion to the holder, thereby exposing the screw for further tightening.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the separating motion is distinct from the rotational movement to screw the screw into the implant.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein to achieve a holding function between the holder, the spacer and the screw to form a common rotationally fixed unit, the screw is arranged against a tightening and locking surface of the spacer, and then the spacer and screw are arranged in an end recess if the holder or the holder is pressed over the spacer and the screw to rotationally fix the spacer and the screw in the holder.

31. (previously presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the holder works with at least one of an elastic function, a spring function and a snap-in function operable to lock the spacer and the screw in a coupled position to the holder in the direction of rotation.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the spacer is brought into cooperation with the top surface of the implant only via an annular end surface.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the implant is integrated in jaw bone.

34. (currently amended) An arrangement operable to secure a spacer to an implant integrated in bone, the arrangement comprising:

a holder operable to engage a spacer and a screw, the holder comprising

a grip portion, and

a recess comprising a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion continuous with the spacer engaging portion, the spacer engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of the spacer, the screw engaging portion operable to engage at least a portion of a head of the screw;

wherein the holder supports the screw and the spacer in a rotationally fixed position and

wherein the holder is separable from the spacer and the screw by means of a separating movement.

35. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the separation movement comprises applying a lateral force to the holder.

36. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the separation movement is distinct from the tightening movement.

37. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the screw is screwed into the implant to a position where ~~the~~ a bearing surface of the spacer cooperates with the top surface of the implant.

38. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein at least the screw engaging portion and the spacer engaging portion comprise plastic or other elastic and/or resilient material.

39. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the holder holds the screw and the spacer in a coupled position that prevents reciprocal rotating movements between the spacer, the screw and the holder.

40. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 39, wherein the couple position is obtained from clamping or spring function and/or guide surfaces and/or a snap-in function.

41. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein ~~the screw engaging portion comprises a first recess and~~ the spacer engaging portion ~~comprises a second recess~~ is operable to engage at least one securing part on the spacer.

42. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 41, wherein the screw and the spacer are secured on the holder by elasticity or resilience in a wall-supporting material

of the first and second recesses.

43. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the grip portion comprises an elongate part made of plastic or equivalent material.

44. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the holder is comparatively easily separable from the spacer and the screw, in their position applied in or firmly screwed to the implant, by means of a withdrawal movement which essentially coincides with the longitudinal direction of the implant or rotating movement which is distinct from the screwing movement.

45. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the spacer comprises an annular bearing surface without internal guide surfaces.

46. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claims 34, wherein the holder and its attachment to the spacer and the screw are arranged to permit a first anchoring contact between the top surface of the implant and ~~the~~ a bearing surface of the spacer which eliminates the risk of loosening of the implant in the bone, and, after the holder has been removed, the screw can be tightened to obtain a second anchoring contact which is effected with a force which considerably exceeds the force for the first anchoring contact.

47. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 46, wherein the second anchoring contact is effected by means of a counterstay function in the spacer.

48. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the thread of the screw is made of relatively strong material and/or is coated with a friction-reducing coating for the purpose of improving the anchoring stress between spacer, screw and implant.

49. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein a thread diameter of the screw is substantially less than a diameter of ~~the~~ a bearing surface of the spacer.

50. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein a thread diameter of the screw is half of a diameter of a bearing surface of the spacer ~~bearing surface diameter~~.

51. (currently amended) The arrangement according to claim 49, wherein the diameter of the screw thread, the diameter of the bearing surface of the spacer, and a low-friction material and/or low-friction coating are chosen to substantially lower the coefficient of friction at the thread as it is at the bearing surface, such that a secure counterstay can be applied against the outside of the spacer upon further tightening, despite the absence of mechanical locking via active locking surfaces between the spacer and the implant.

52. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 51, wherein the coefficient of friction is half as great.

53. (currently amended) An arrangement, comprising:

a spacer;

a tightening screw for an implant integrated in bone; and

a holder comprising a single recess including a spacer engaging portion and a screw engaging portion continuous with the spacer engaging portion, the recess being operable to retain the spacer and the screw for facilitating application of the spacer and screw to the implant, wherein the holder supports the spacer and the screw in a rotationally fixed manner, wherein a bearing surface of the spacer operable to bear against a top surface of the implant protrudes beyond the holder, and wherein the screw extends through the spacer and protrudes beyond the bearing surface.

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55. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 53, wherein the spacer and the screw head assume rotationally fixed positions in the holder by virtue of the fact that the holder is made of resilient and/or elastic material at least at said recess, and the holder with resilient and/or elastic function cooperates with the spacer and the screw head.

56. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 53, wherein the rotationally fixed attachment is also effected by a snap-in function and wherein the spacer is designed with nibs and/or indents for the said snap-in function.

57. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 53, wherein upon positioning the spacer and the screw in the implant, the holder can be separated from the spacer and the screw head for longitudinal displacement in the longitudinal direction of the implant and/or a tilting movement.

58. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 53, wherein the holder, the spacer and the screw form a rotationally fixed unit, by means of which the thread of the screw can be screwed into the thread of the implant by screwing movements.

59. (previously presented) A method for using a holder for securing a spacer with a screw in an implant, the method comprising:

supporting in a recess of the holder the spacer and the screw in a coupled state in a rotationally fixed manner in an elongate element of the holder; and

arranging a bearing surface of the spacer against a corresponding bearing surface of the implant protruding beyond the holder, and the threaded part of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface.

60. (previously presented) The method according to claim 59, further comprising:

gripping a resilient and/or elastic part of the holder; and

applying a rotational motion to the holder to secure the spacer and the screw in rotationally fixed positions in relation to each other and to the holder.

61. (previously presented) The method according to claim 60, wherein the holder is used for transmitting manual rotation movements to the screw as the latter is screwed into the implant.

62. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the spacer comprises a tightening and locking surface, a bearing surface operable to cooperate with a top

surface of the implant and a screw receiving passage, and the screw comprises a threaded portion and a head portion operable to cooperate with the tightening and locking surface of the spacer, wherein the holder is operable to support the screw in a position passing through the screw receiving passage of the spacer with the bearing surface of the spacer protruding beyond the holder and the threaded portion of the screw protruding beyond the bearing surface of the spacer, wherein the holder supports the screw and the spacer such that the spacer and the screw can be applied to the implant in a position of cooperation between the threaded portion of the screw and a threaded portion of the implant, wherein applying a rotational force to the holder permits the threaded portion of the screw to be screwed into the threaded portion of the implant, and wherein the holder is separable from the spacer and the screw to expose the screw for possible further tightening.